

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



**Board of Director's Meeting
June 1, 2016**

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May 12, 2016

Chandra Chilmakuri
441 Hawkcrest Cir
Sacramento, CA 95835

Re: Confirmation of Appointment

Dear Mr. Chilmakuri:

Congratulations!

On May 10, 2016: your nomination for appointment to serve on the **Natomas Basin Conservancy Board of Directors**, in Seat C (Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency) was confirmed by Sacramento City Council. Your term expiration will be December 4, 2018.

An oath of office and ethics training are required as part of your appointment. Information for these requirements will be received directly from my office. The City of Sacramento is pleased and grateful that you are willing to volunteer your time and expertise. We hope that you will enjoy your service. Please feel free to call on us whenever we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Shirley Concolino

Shirley Concolino, MMC
City Clerk

cc: Valerie Huezo

City of
SACRAMENTO
Office of the City Clerk

May 12, 2016

Kay Backer
5663 Pop Becker Street
Sacramento, CA 95835

Re: Confirmation of Re-Appointment

Dear Ms. Backer:

Congratulations!

On May 10, 2016: your nomination for re-appointment to serve on the **Natomas Basin Conversancy Board of Directors**, in Seat B (Member who is not a current employee of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Department of Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, or the State of California's Resources Agency) was confirmed by Sacramento City Council. Your term expiration will be December 1, 2018.

An oath of office and ethics training are required as part of your appointment. Information for these requirements will be received directly from my office. The City of Sacramento is pleased and grateful that you are willing to volunteer your time and expertise. We hope that you will enjoy your service. Please feel free to call on us whenever we can be of assistance.

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Community Development
Mike Penrose,
Acting Director



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NOTICE OF EIR SCOPING MEETING NATOMAS NORTH PRECINCT MASTER PLAN

Sacramento County is processing an application for the Natomas North Precinct Master Plan located in the Natomas community of unincorporated Sacramento County. The Project site is located north of the City of Sacramento, west of Steelhead Creek, south of the Sutter County Line, and east of Highway 99. The County Project Control Number is **PLNP2014-00172** and the State Clearinghouse Number is 2016042079. A description of the Project begins on Page 2 of this notice.

Sacramento County is the Lead Agency for the Project and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is the appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document to evaluate the environmental consequences of the project. To that end, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the project was released on April 28, 2016. The 30-day written comment period ends May 31, 2016. The NOP can be viewed at the following link to the document search page

<http://www.per.saccounty.net/EnvironmentalDocuments/Pages/SearchDocuments.aspx>

EIR Scoping Meeting

To provide an additional opportunity for the public to comment on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR, in accordance with Sections 15082 and 15083 of the CEQA Guidelines, a public scoping meeting will be held on **May 16, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:30PM** at the following location:

Location: South Natomas Community Center
2921 Truxel Road
Sacramento, CA 95833

Directions: From Interstate 5, exit West El Camino Avenue, proceed east approximately 0.7 miles. Turn left onto Truxel Road. Proceed approximately 0.5 miles to the South Natomas Community Center on the left.

Staff will explain the environmental review process at the beginning of the meeting and the applicant will follow with a short project review. Staff will then be available to receive comments on the scope of the EIR in break-out stations.

It is not necessary to attend the EIR Scoping Meeting in order to provide comments on what is addressed in the EIR. Written comments can be submitted to the Sacramento

County Planning and Environmental Review Division (Attn: Catherine Hack, Environmental Coordinator) via email at CEQA@saccounty.net, or via mail at 827 7th Street, Room 225, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please contact Sheryl Lenzie, Project Manager, at 916-874-7722 or lenzies@saccounty.net with requests or questions.

Project Description

The Project includes land use designation amendments to the Sacramento County General Plan and the County Zoning Ordinance. The Project will require the following land use entitlements:

1. General Plan Amendment to move the Urban Services Boundary (USB) and Urban Policy Area (UPA) to include the North Precinct of the Natomas Vision Plan area (±5,699.3 acres).
2. Amend the General Plan Land Use Element and Land Use Diagram to change the land use designations within the North Precinct from Agricultural Cropland (±5,699.3 acres) to Low Density Residential (±2,560.6 acres), Medium Density Residential (±265.7 acres), Commercial & Office (±703.3 acres), Public/Quasi-Public (±241.9 acres), and Recreation (±1,927.9 acres).
3. Amend the General Plan Transportation Plan to include the North Precinct.
4. Amend the General Plan Bicycle Master Plan Diagram to include the North Precinct.
5. Rezone to change the zoning in the North Precinct (±5,699.3 acres) from AG-80 to Special Planning Area (SPA) (±5,699.3 acres). (Note: The existing zoning of non-participating properties in the North Precinct, including any Flood Combining (F) designation, will remain the same as reflected in the underlying zoning in the SPA.)
6. Adopt the North Precinct Master Plan/SPA (±5,699.3 acres) including a land use plan, design guidelines, and development standards to establish land use designations within the North Precinct including Very Low Density Residential (±192.3 acres), Low Density Residential (±1,559.3 acres), Medium Density Residential (±808.9 acres), High Density Residential (±265.7 acres), Regional Commercial (±197.7 acres), Regional Mixed-Use/Entertainment (±108.3 acres), General Commercial (±108.0 acres), Commerce District (±156.5 acres), Commercial/Mixed-Use (±50.0 acres), Neighborhood Commercial (±82.9 acres), Public/Quasi-Public (±241.9 acres), Parks and Recreation (±203.9 acres), and Open Space/Drainage (±1,724.0 acres).
7. Adoption of a Water Supply Master Plan for the North Precinct. Requires Sacramento County Water Agency Board of Directors approval.
8. Approval of a Water Supply Assessment for the North Precinct. Requires Sacramento County Water Agency Board of Directors approval.
9. Adoption of a Public Facilities Financing Plan for the North Precinct Master Plan/SPA.

10. Adoption of a Development Agreement(s) for the North Precinct Master Plan/SPA.

In addition to the above entitlements, separate Service District Annexation requests for the North Precinct Master Plan/SPA are proposed to include:

1. Annexation to County Service Area (CSA) 10 and/or creation of a new CSA. Note: a separate subsequent action may be required by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to establish a Benefit Zone to implement funding and service provision.
2. Annexation to Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD).
3. Annexation to Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD).

The applicant is proposing a master plan development on approximately 5,700 acres with approximately 20,477 housing units consisting of 2,560 acres of low density residential (1-12 du/ac) and 265 acres of medium density residential (13-30 du/ac). In addition, the Project includes approximately 703 acres of commercial and mixed use, with a hospital/medical campus component. Approximately 242 acres have been reserved as Public/Quasi-Public for schools, civic uses, and public utility uses, and the Project includes 1,928 acres of open space and recreation areas.

The requested amendment to the General Plan will expand the location of the USB and UPA to encompass the Project site. In addition, the applicant proposes to change the General Plan Agricultural Cropland designation to Low Density Residential (2,560 acres), Medium Density Residential (265 acres), Commercial and Office (703 acres), Public/Quasi-Public (242 acres), and Recreation (1,928 acres). The request includes a General Plan Transportation Plan amendment to include the North Precinct, and an amendment to the General Plan Bicycle Master Plan Diagram to include the North Precinct.

The requested rezone amends the zoning designations from AG-80 to Special Planning Area (SPA) for the North Precinct, and adds the SPA for the North Precinct to the Zoning Ordinance. The following table details the land use acreages.

Table 1: Natomas North Precinct Master Plan Acreage by Land Use

NATOMAS NORTH PRECINCT - Master Plan/SPA Land Use/Zoning Summary

Master Plan/SPA Land Use/Zoning Designation	Gross Acres	Net Acres ¹	Units
SPA-VLDR Very Low Density Residential (0-3.9 DU/AC)	192.3	173.1	519
SPA-LDR Low Density Residential (4.0-7.9 DU/AC)	1,559.3	1,403.4	7,017
SPA-MDR Medium Density Residential (8.0-12.9 DU/AC)	808.9	728.0	5,824
SPA-HDR High Density Residential (13.0-30.0 DU/AC)	265.7	239.1	5,859
RESIDENTIAL Subtotal	2,826.3	2,543.6	19,219
SPA-RC Regional Commercial	197.7	177.9	-
SPA-RMU/E Regional Mixed-Use/Entertainment (assumes up to 25ac HDR)	108.3	97.4	620
SPA-GC General Commercial	108.0	97.2	-
SPA-CD Commerce District (assumes up to 5ac HDR & up to 63ac H/MC)	156.5	140.9	150
SPA-CMU Commercial/Mixed-Use (assumes up to 19ac HDR)	50.0	45.0	488
SPA-NC Neighborhood Commercial	82.9	74.6	-
COMMERCIAL Subtotal	703.3	633.0	1,258
SPA-P/QP Public/Quasi-Public	241.9	217.7	-
SPA-PR Park and Recreation^{2,3}	203.9	183.5	-
SPA-OS/D Open Space/Drainage	1,724.0	1,551.6	-
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE Subtotal	1,927.9	1,735.1	-
10% land area for major roadways and landscape corridors	-	569.9	-
TOTAL	5,699.3	5,699.3	20,477
NOTES: (1) Net acreage based on total acreage less 10% inefficiency for major roads and landscape corridors. Unit totals based on adjusted acres. (2) Parkland dedication generation based on Sacramento County Title 22.40: 2.92 persons per household for Single-Family Residential (VLDR, LDR and MDR) and 2.44 persons per household for Multi-Family Residential (HDR, RMU/E, GC and CMU) land uses. Population based on Sac. County Dept. of Finance Table DP-1: 2.71 persons per household (2010). (3) Park acreage shown includes neighborhood and community parks (+183.5 ac) only. Actual parkland dedication will also include paseos (±76 ac), 10% of the open space (±155.2 ac). (10% of ±1,551.6 ac of open space=±155.2 ac. of usable park area). Total parkland proposed = 414.6ac.			

From: John Roberts jroberts@natomasbasin.org
Subject: Urgent request for security focus on Natomas Farms
Date: April 29, 2016 at 4:02 PM
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MEMO

TO: Stacy

FROM: John Roberts

RE: reallocation of security patrol for emphasis on the Conservancy's Natomas Farms tract and Fisherman's Lake properties in general

Stacy: On a radio talk show recently (KFBK AM1530), a caller stated that he'd removed the now famous mink that appeared on the Conservancy Natomas Farms tract. The mink had been the subject of two reports in the Sacramento Bee recently. We are told that the caller stated people needed to go out on the Conservancy's Natomas Farms and Cummings preserve, to "rescue" beavers, river otters and mink. Unbelievably, the caller stated that in recovering the mink from the Conservancy's preserves, it had died. We are gathering information now to report the matter to Game Wardens at California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the enforcement branch at U.S. Fish and Wildlife, but KFBK radio is not being cooperative in helping us get hard information about the radio show and caller. However, we have multiple parties who listened to the report and their stories support this case.

There are so many violations of law here, it is hard to know where to even start. Importantly, the Conservancy is required by the Habitat Conservation Plan to "minimize disturbance to the maximum extent practicable" and "strictly control access" and that public visitation and recreation are NOT "covered activities" by the Conservancy's Incidental Take Permit.

Since the call by the guy for people to get out on the preserves and "reduce" these animals, we have seen a lot of public visitation and trespass. One guy was seen today hobbling around with a walking cane in hand, barely ambulatory. In addition to all the trespass and violations of law, we now worry about someone getting hurt on Conservancy property and there being a claim.

This is a case where publicity about the Conservancy's activities has devolved into calamity and death of rare wildlife as well as active disturbance to habitat where species displaced by urban activity have gone to seek refuge. Refuge, that is, from human activity.

Is there any chance your security team can patrol the Conservancy's Cummings and Natomas Farms tracts early in the evenings a few nights a week for awhile until this settles down? We are doing our best to control access during the daytime, but we're overwhelmed and need support.

Thanks in advance for whatever you might do.

John



John Roberts | Executive Director

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From: John Roberts jroberts@natomasbasin.org

Subject: rare video capture of illusive GGS

Date: May 10, 2016 at 10:47 AM

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May 10, 2016

TO: Friends of the Natomas Basin Conservancy

FROM: John Roberts

RE: rare video of the illusive Giant garter snake

Click [here](#) for proof that the Conservancy's system of managed marsh complexes are producing Giant garter snakes. The one-minute video was taken as Conservancy field crews were adjusting water flows on a water control structure on one of the Conservancy's managed marsh complexes.

Here is some background: Between 1998 and 2000, federal wildlife biologist Mary Ann Owen searched for GGS at this particular site prior to the Conservancy constructing an extensive managed marsh complex there. She and her team of biologists were unable to find any GGS at this site over the three-year study back then.

Today, after 15 years of marsh construction, annual management and overall marsh maturity, we have seen GGS proliferate at the site. USGS biologists, acting in their role as the NBHCP biological effectiveness monitoring team for GGS, continue to document GGS at the site. Now we have the photo documentation we've been after, in this case, actual video of the animals in their habitat, acting as they normally do.

More and more, we are seeing GGS near outlets of constructed marsh water control structures. We believe the reason is either a fresh, oxygenated water supply as water spills from one elevation to the next and/or simply the fact that this is where GGS prey--mosquito fish--seem to congregate (you can see the GGS's favorite prey in this video quite clearly), so GGS are naturally attracted to these types of environments. Add the water, tule clusters, steep-sided banks with burrows in them and protection from disturbance by human activity and we begin to see growing, healthy populations.

So, if you have a minute, check out the YouTube [posting](#) and get a rare look at GGS in a Conservancy-constructed habitat that has been specifically created for them, and in what we believe to be ideal conditions and circumstances.

No need to respond. This is merely for your information.

John



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